

REDS SURGE TOWARD RUMANIAN BORDER

Meandering Along the Main Stem

By WASH FAYETTE

Out of the mail bag:
Isn't it strange what some times washed over a desk in a flood of mail? . . . days go by when that pile of letters and such just gives you a headache to look at it. . . I guess it's that way in every newspaper office where stacks of propaganda have to be dug through to get one or two letters worthwhile . . . but maybe those few at the bottom make the whole tiresome and boring business endurable.

Today, from opposite sides of this vast country, came two letters. . . both were from good friends whose scribbles are always welcome. . . both touched on similar topics. . . and both were very refreshing.

The one from Miami, Fla., contained only a newspaper clipping with a few lines scratched on the margin. . . it was from Gilbert Sollars. . . remember? He was our first city manager and retired because of poor health. . . I didn't even know he had gone south from his farm west of town. . . he had come there in a rather serious condition last spring. . . but it was good to know he was able to go back. . . and that he hadn't forgotten the good times we used to have chatting about horses and horse racing in his little office in the City Hall. . . the clipping? . . . it was a picture in the Miami Herald showing a big flat bed farm wagon packed with winter vacationists. I presume, heading for Tropical Park's races.

The other letter was from Hugh Gidding. . . Pvt. Hugh Gidding, it is now. . . we used to slip off for an occasional afternoon at Beulah Park. . . he threatened to take me up on the back of his motorcycle when gasoline rationing cut out pleasure driving. . . but I never could quite bring myself to that. . . Hugh has been in the hospital at Ft. Rosecrans near San Diego, Calif., with the flu. . . he said he had been getting the Los Angeles papers regularly. . . and what held his interest? . . . the horse races to be sure. . . he noted "wish you were here so you could go with me as soon as I get a leave". . . that, too, made me very happy. . . as a sort of afterthought to the more important interest of the moment. . . Pvt. Hugh noted in a post script that "I can't tell you how beautiful this place is. . . I see so much every day. . . I just wish I could tell you but I can't for this is the army, you know."

It has been many years since I have seen as little Christmas decorations in the homes, as well as business places, as there was this year and all because of the war.

Hundreds of homes where the boys in uniform could not be home for Christmas, were particularly minus the usual Christmas decorations.

Conservation of fuel by omitting Christmas lights was also a contributing factor.

I notice that some dealers had dozens of Christmas trees left on hands after the rush was over and while there were scores of trees sold in the community, the demand for trees was not up to standard.

I'll venture the assertion that next Christmas will see a great number of the boys home from the far-flung war zones and that there will be a joyous Christmas in a lot of homes where it was a hollow celebration this year.

STEEL WORKERS RETURN TO JOBS AS STRIKE ENDS

Guarantee by Labor Board Of Pay Retroactivity Gets Quick Results

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A one-day walkout by more than 170,000 steel workers appeared ended today with the granting of their demands for possible retroactive pay from new contracts now being negotiated.

Reports from the scores of plants in nine states which were closed by the work stoppages showed most of the men obeying orders telegraphed last night by Philip Murray, president of the CIO United Steelworkers of America, to resume "uninterrupted production of steel."

Murray's instructions were dispatched a few minutes after the War Labor Board issued a directive incorporating suggestions of President Roosevelt that retroactive pay be guaranteed.

Steel operators had little alternative but to accept the order, informed sources indicated the War Production Board would readily consider requests for higher steel prices, which Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the U. S. Steel Corp., said some time ago would be necessary to cover added costs such as wage increases.

Republic Steel Corp., largest of 214 companies whose contracts with the union expired Christmas Eve, precipitating the strike.

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SUSPENSION SOUGHT FOR PORK RATIONING

Action Proposed To Ease Surplus of Meat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Complete suspension of pork rationing for perhaps 10 days or two weeks, to permit housewives to buy up a current surplus, was proposed today by a congressional group headed by Senator Reed (R-Kan.).

Reed said packing houses are glutted with pork and a rationing holiday is needed if a shortage in storage space is to be relieved and waste prevented. He described the OPA's recently announced five points per person ration bonus as "wholly inadequate."

The plan for temporary suspension of rationing on all pork products was drafted for presentation to Office of Price Administration (OPA) and War Food Administration (WFA) officials at a conference today. Reed said it had the backing of several midwestern senators and representatives.

YANKS IN ENGLAND TRAIN FOR INVASION

Army Takes Over Control Of Railroads When Strike Threatens War Shipments

Destroyer And Transport Lost As Yanks Invade New Britain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—An American destroyer and a coastal transport ship went down under Japanese bombs in the landings at Cape Gloucester on the western tip of New Britain Island, Secretary of the Navy Knox announced today.

Knox, reporting the losses at a news conference, did not name the vessels. Nor was he able to provide any information on the number of men lost.

He described as "as fantastic as usual," Japanese claims that two heavy cruisers and two transports were sunk in the operations.

The loss of the destroyer and small transport, he said, resulted from an air attack four or five hours after the operation started. They were our only losses, Knox said.

The two ships brought to a total of 135 the number of American naval craft lost since the war started. No details on the destroyer were given, but Knox

said the small transport was only about 100 feet long.

The Tokyo radio quoted a Japanese communique as saying two Allied cruisers and two transports had been sunk and three transports damaged by Japanese naval planes that attacked an invasion convoy off Cape Gloucester Sunday.

Rear Admiral Harry W. Hill, who commanded a part of the task forces in the Tarawa and Makin landings, attended the news conference to describe the attacks there.

"It was a big show of which every single American should be very proud," Hill said. "If they had been with me to go ashore the day before Thanksgiving and see that tremendous defensive point that had been taken by American forces in three and one-half days, they would have had a very, very thankful Thanksgiving."

"The Japanese had built to



WET FEET not being conducive to comfort, Cpl. John L. Hammer of N. Y. C. (left) and Pfc. Raymond Janowski of Philadelphia, with the Fifth Army in Italy, stopped talking about the weather and did something about it. Results: burlap "goo" shoes which, although not chic, are definitely practical. U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

Captured German Plane Now At Wright Field As Strange Episode Ends

DAYTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—In a well-guarded hangar at Wright Field stands a brand-new German JU-88 bomber, hero of one of the strangest tales of the war—the story of a discouraged young Nazi pilot who deliberately picked out the best plane he could find and flew it from Rumania to a British airfield on the island of Cyprus.

The story, just released by the Army Air Force material command here says the young Nazi's destination was Syria but that "he never got there."

Fogbound over the Mediterranean, he landed on Cyprus "just as a squadron of British Spitfires swooped down upon him," and "readily answered the barrage of questions which dumfounded British airmen shot at him."

British officers examined the ship, found it had been flown less than 50 hours. From then on, the JU-88 became a guinea pig for Yankee ingenuity and began a series of travels under its own power which eventually brought it here.

It was flown to Cairo, where Major Walter E. Newby of Reedley, Calif., and Lt. G. W. Cook of Pittsburgh, Pa., were about to board a plane for the United States. They received permission to fly back the JU-88.

The only data available on procedure of handling the ship was a small handbook—printed in German. This had to be translated.

Tests showed the German plane used 87 octane fuel. The nearest available equivalent was 91. Total flying range of the plane was estimated at 1,300 miles but by installing two 300-gallon wing-tanks from a P-38 (Lightning) this was increased to around 2,000 miles.

Guns were removed and a fuel-transfer system intended for a B-24 Liberator bomber was pressed into service.

The American flag and AAF insignia painted on its fuselage and tail-surfaces, the craft left Cairo October 8. Allied air bases

en route were notified so quick-triggered airmen would not shoot down the "brazen" enemy ship.

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President Takes No Chances on Slip-up in Negotiations Interfering With Military Offensives — No Evidence Of Change Which Is Described as Temporary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—America's entire railroad system went under army control today, taken over by order of President Roosevelt to avert a strike that threatened to interfere with "major military offensives now planned."

The railroads operated under their first day of government control just as they did yesterday, and it was doubtful that the public would see any physical evidence of a change.

So far as the average train rider is concerned, government operation of the railroads under presidential order won't mean a thing, an army official said in Washington.

Tickets will be purchased in the regular way and punched and taken up by the regular conductors.

"Unless the traveler happens to notice a copy of the presidential order, which probably will be posted in most stations, he won't know there has been any change except through reading the newspapers," the official said.

Swiftly taking over physical possession of the railroads, the army is concentrating troops with railroad experience to supplement any possible manpower shortages.

Secretary of War Stimson disclosed the use of troops at a special news conference.

Asserting "terrible dangers" confront the nation if a strike is carried out, Stimson announced that seven railroad presidents had been appointed colonels and were ready to take over the operation of as many divisions.

In addition, Martin W. Clement, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was named general advisor to Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, chief of Army Service Forces, and Maj. Gen. Charles P. Gross, director of transportation. Stimson said the two generals also would have the assistance and advice of the staff of The American Railroad Association headed by John Pelley.

The President's action, announced at 7 o'clock last night (Eastern War Time) and effective immediately, took most of the capital by surprise because the wage controversy appeared on the way to settlement.

But, said the President, "I can not wait until the last moment to take action to see that the supplies to our fighting men are not interrupted. I am accordingly obliged to take over at once temporary possession and control of the railroads to ensure their continued operation."

"The government will expect every railroad man to continue at his post of duty. . . . If any employees of the railroads now strike, they will be striking against the government of the United States."

Seventeen of the 20 unions had withdrawn strike calls and accepted the president's offer to referee the dispute. Two days remained before the Thursday strike deadline to induce the others to do likewise. These three—conductors, firemen and switchmen—represent about 150,000 of the country's 1,450,000 railroad employees.

Lieut. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, acting for Secretary of War Stimson, carried out the railroad seizure order. Major General C. P. Gross, chief of the army's transportation system, was placed in charge of operating the lines, with Martin W. Clement, president of

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ANTI-STRIKE LAW NEEDS SOME TEETH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Accusing labor unions of having "repudiated" their no-strike agreement, Representative Smith (D-Va.), co-author of the Smith-Connally labor disputes act, called today for revision of the law and demanded the War Labor Board cease issuing union maintenance orders.

Smith, chairman of the special house committee investigating acts of executive agencies, declared in an interview the Smith-Connally act "needs some teeth in it to punish those who strike without notice."

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Secret Weapons Used by Yanks In Beating Japs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The Navy is using secret weapons in driving the Japanese back in the Pacific, Secretary of the Navy Knox reported today. He gave no details, however.

Knox made the disclosure in summary of 1943 activities, saying: "In the field of new weapons, or secret weapons, the Navy has by no means been idle."

"The Japanese especially have felt the sting of weapons which, although greatly improved, nevertheless are of conventional types."

"Japanese and Nazi alike, however, also have felt destruction wrought by weapons not known to them, and will continue to do so."

The Secretary also disclosed at a news conference more than 42 aircraft carriers are in operation.

NAZIS ROUTED IN ITALY AT BAYONET POINT

Eisenhower Names Deputy Commanders for Nearing Invasion of Europe

By RICHARD McMURRAY
By The Associated Press

The blitz-grinding First Russian Army of the Ukraine gathered momentum today in a sweeping offensive that carried within 18 miles of Zhitomir, 20 of Berdichev and 120 of the old Rumanian border.

A companion drive in White Russia cut within five miles of Vitebsk severing all but one railway leading from that city.

A hundred towns fell to V. I. Tulin in the Ukraine; Bagration's troops seized 30 in White Russia. In all, 6,200 Germans were slain. Berlin said a half million Russians were charging their lines west of Kiev where their counter-offensive of the last two months had been ground down.

In the sweep toward Berdichev, a major German staging base from Poland, the Ukrainian Army was covering new ground which the Nazis had held since early in the war.

Russia, however, was but one of Germany's worries. Berlin was preoccupied by the promised blow from Britain, the invasion which Gen. Eisenhower promised would bring victory in Europe next year. Marshal Erwin Rommel, the swift running desert terrier, and Marshal Karl von Rundstedt, commander in France, were said by Berlin to have decided at an invasion council of war the Nazis were ready.

Eisenhower chose as his deputy commander the wily Scot whose mastery of air power had done much to chase Rommel thousands of miles from Egypt into Italy, in modern history's longest retreat. The appointment of Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder was the most important assignment yet made upon a commander of aviation and forecast the shape of the invasion to come.

Canadians of the Eighth Army kept digging the Germans from the Italian Adriatic port of Ortona at bayonet point. The Fifth Army took two points on Mt. Samucro, completing consolidation overlooking the highway to Cassino and Rome.

The Germans said they had evacuated Ortona, 11 miles below Pescara where a transverse highway leads to the capital. As the Canadians cleaned up the city of 9,000, they encountered flame throwers.

Yugoslav partisans of Marshal Tito said they killed several hundred Germans in western Bosnia and drove Nazis before them in Croatia. They said they captured 225 prisoners in raiding an airport near Zagreb.

Allied planes attacked Civitavecchia northwest of Rome; viaducts south of Genoa; shipping near the Yugoslav harbor of Zara; the Ancona-Pescara railway along the Adriatic, and the Anagni rail yards.

The British Admiralty gave the lie to German assertions the dying battleship Scharnhorst had inflicted great damage on a Murmansk convoy before she sank with perhaps 1,460 Nazis and Admiral Otto Schniewind, German naval commander in the north. The convoy was unharmed and only minor damage was sustained by two British warships, a communique said.

Radio Algiers said the 10,000-ton pocket battleship Luetzow was damaged in the battle, but there was no confirmation. Indications were the combat might still be in progress in the Arctic above Norway.

Russia through the official Communist newspaper Pravda warned Bulgaria to quit the war as "a vassal of the Fascist Germans."

The Brazilian ambassador to Uruguay said two Brazilian divisions would leave for Europe in January.

In a move which clearly foreshadowed the mighty role air

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THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
(EDITOR'S NOTE—During the temporary absence of DeWitt Mackenzie, this column is being conducted by William Frye of the Washington Bureau.)

By WILLIAM FRYE

The confident prediction of General Eisenhower that Germany will be smashed in 1944 started military circles accustomed to speak much more cautiously of coming events, and brought the usual—almost habitual—warning against over-optimism.

That preoccupation with the idea that the nation is "complacent" or apt to become so seems to stem from a fear that the public necessarily aware that preparations are nearly completed for the final all-out assault on the Nazis, is not equally aware that the cost in lives may be staggering.

Nevertheless, the confidence in early victory over the Germans persists, not only among the public, but in official circles also. A year of consistent victory, even if most of it was in effect jockeying for position, has fed it, and recent official statements as well as the news from the war zones have confirmed the expectation.

Thus Eisenhower's statement at a farewell press conference in Algiers put in words what observers had deduced from the announcements after the Cairo and Tehran conferences, from the President's Christmas Eve address, from the rapidity with which the invasion command is taking shape, from the spectacular advances of the Red army in its two rolling winter offensives, from the furious pace of the air war against Europe from Britain: The Allied high command expects the war in Europe to end next year.

But it does not expect that victory to come cheaply. The accumulation of huge striking forces for the invasion is cause for confidence, but it is also prima facie evidence that the command expects huge forces to be necessary. Casualties may be very high, particularly in the early phases—Tarawa was an indication of how costly amphibious assaults on fortified positions can be. And once the invasion is begun, enormous quantities of supplies will be needed in a constant and increasing flow to keep it moving until the last shot is fired.

The officials can hardly tell the Allied public the details of what they think might happen without informing the enemy of what they plan to do. And because they can't tell the public, they appear to be haunted by a fear that the grim developments which might come will shock the people into resentful outcry, or that there will be a let-down on the home front and a dwindling of supplies at a critical period.

Leaving aside the battlefield news, from which anyone can form his own conclusions, the official statements sometimes seem to be based on a check-and-balance plan. An official on Wednesday openly tries to jolt public complacency by predicting a three-fold rise in casualties in 90 days, and on Friday the President expresses certainty of victory—"though the cost may be high and the time may be long." On Monday, Eisenhower says flatly the time will not be more than a year, and Secretary Hull promptly warns the public that too much optimism will retard victory.

In all likelihood, the warnings will continue until Japan also is defeated as officials try to fix the fine line between confidence and over-confidence. They want the one, but abhor the other.

PEOPLE DISMAYED BY JURY VERDICT IN TRIPLE-MURDER

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28—(AP)—State Attorney General James H. Duff and Attorney Harry A. Estep, special investigator, have agreed on procedure for untangling the circumstances of the October 7 Wilson farm murders near Mercer, Pa., and Duff yesterday declared: "We will pursue relentlessly anyone caught in the trap."

"There is a feeling of dismay and frustration in the mind of every decent-minded citizen with the results so far obtained," Duff said, after a conference with Estep.

Duff said he could not reveal what steps would be taken in probing the triple killing and the subsequent murder trial of William A. Morrell, 20-year-old farm youth.

In that trial, concluded a week ago, Morrell was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the strangling of Mrs. Helen Wilson, 48, wife of the farm owner, but was acquitted of the shotgun slayings of Mrs. Katherine Wilson, 78, mother of the owner, and Robert McKay, 70, a farmhand.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS

CAMP MacKALL, N. C., (AP)—When Pvt. Robert L. Bishop of the 511th parachute infantry regiment entered the army from Winter Park, Fla., he wasted no time in getting into work for which he is eminently qualified. In civilian life Bishop is an exhibition diver.

DON'T LET FLU START WAVE OF FEAR, IS PLEA

Prominent Physician Admits Epidemic But Points Out Illness Not Yet Serious

By Logan Clendening, M. D.
(Central Press Association)
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28—

It is too early to say just how serious the nation-wide epidemic of influenza and virus pneumonia may be. That it is an epidemic, and that it is widespread is apparent. It is causing an enormous amount of absenteeism and disability. It is disorganizing, to a certain extent, many factories and businesses.

But so far as personal danger to you yourself is concerned, it has not yet shown any of the malignant qualities of former influenza epidemics. And there is no use adding an epidemic of hysteria and exaggerated morbidity to the realities of the situation, which, so far as, according to my advice, mild.

It is unfortunate that both influenza and virus pneumonia have had names. Influenza gets a bad name from the virulent epidemics of 1918, 1919 and 1920. It remains in the memory of many people still middle aged or younger and the very word conjures up recollections that are indeed grim. But the influenza of all the years since at least 1925 have been so mild that I myself am convinced it is an entirely different disease caused by an entirely different germ, and I had plenty of experience with that old He Bull Influenza when it struck the army camps of another army in another war.

The great epidemics of real influenza observed during modern times occurred around the years of 1732, 1780, 1830, 1848, 1889, 1918—on the average of 30 to 40 years apart. Where the disease lay dormant in the meantime we do not know, but it did. If this theory is correct we are not due for another epidemic for 10 or 20 years yet. All the severe epidemics were followed by yearly visitations of the mild form, and that is what my guess is we have now. I may be wrong, but I know you hope not.

The epidemics of 1918 to 1924 also started mildly but later, when the so-called Virus A appeared it became dangerous and malignant. Certain British observers are reporting that Virus A is making its appearance among English victims. This, however, is less scientific than it sounds because the so-called Virus A has not definitely been identified; nor is it universally recognized by scientists.

Virus pneumonia also has a bad name tagged onto it because virus suggests something virulent and hence more dangerous than regular pneumonia. As a matter of fact, it is the mildest of all forms of pneumonia. The word virus is attached because the viruses are a special class of infectious agents, one of which causes the common cold, according to present beliefs; one of which causes chickenpox and one of which causes fever blisters. And "virus" pneumonia, in spite of its name, is not necessarily any more deadly than either of the first two, although admittedly in some cases, it is serious.

Both of these diseases attack with great suddenness and both are the result of contact with those who are already afflicted, or who are just coming down with it. The lesson of this is that you have a duty to your neighbors which is not to be over-conscientious about getting back to work as soon as you are a little bit better.

Both are diseases of young people predominantly. And the lesson of that is—let the old people in the household attend to the victim and keep the young people away from him or her. The old people are not likely to get it anyway, so you are not exposing them to any disability in the vast majority of cases. Virus pneumonia has notably and predominantly been a disease of young people.

As to prevention. Don't call a doctor unless you have a temperature of one or two degrees! There are fewer and fewer doctors around now, and all of them are worked to death anyway! So don't call them unnecessarily! You can make the diagnosis by taking your temperature. If you have a fever of 100.5

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35,000,000 YEARS

Administrators Named For Murder Victims

Upon application of the next of kin, Judge Otis B. Core appointed Dr. J. A. McCoy and Mrs. Laura A. Collett administrators of the estates of Mrs. Forrest M. McCoy and Mildred Louise McCoy, who were killed at their home Thanksgiving eve, when Elmer McCoy was also murdered.

Mrs. Collett, sister of Elmer McCoy, Dr. J. A. McCoy, brother of Mrs. Elmer McCoy, filed the application for administrators for Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Collett, Dr. McCoy and Sylvia Atkinson, filed application for Mildred Louise McCoy. The two women are aunts and Dr. McCoy is an uncle of Mildred.

Mrs. Collett and Dr. McCoy previously had been named administrators of Elmer McCoy's

estate, with bonds fixed at \$25,000. Bond for the administrators in the estate of Mrs. McCoy was fixed at \$15,000 and for Mildred McCoy's estate the bond is \$2,000 which was furnished. This makes a total of \$42,000 bond for the entire estates.

The move to name administrators for Mrs. McCoy and daughter, Mildred McCoy, is taken to indicate that the entire McCoy estate, estimated at \$45,000 to \$65,000 is to be divided between Mrs. Collett, sister of Elmer McCoy and Dr. J. A. McCoy, brother of Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Atkinson, sister of Mrs. McCoy.

So far appraisement of the estate has not been filed in Probate Court, but this probably will be done soon.

enza, pneumonia and viruses even though the statistical facts show that it makes them worse if they have really got hold of you. There is no specific treatment for either influenza or virus pneumonia, so you are not missing anything if the doctor doesn't get around to you on time. I quote from the latest text book of medicine to be published under the heading "Influenza": "There is no specific cure for influenza," (meaning a serum), and under "Virus Pneumonia": "The treatment is entirely symptomatic. Sulfonamide therapy has been tried without any specific effect."

After going to bed the next thing is to drink plenty of water or lemonade, preferably warm or hot. The sugar you put in it won't hurt either.

The first, best and surest rule for killing yourself when you have influenza is to drink a half pint of whiskey. That is sure to be recommended by some rugged woodsman neighbor who always stayed off his pneumonias that way. He never waited to see whether he had pneumonia and by the time he had licked the half pint he didn't care, so he never knew whether he had stayed it off or not.

But the tradition exists that whiskey will cure a cold, influ-

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LITTLE CHATS ON PUBLIC NOTICES

By JAMES E. POLLARD
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THE COST OF GIVING NOTICE

The cost of giving Public Notice depends upon circumstances. It varies with the type of notice, the number of times it must appear and the medium in which it is run. Most such notices are inexpensive but occasionally they involve what seem to be large amounts.

At a recent official hearing where notices were being discussed, an official voiced concern over the total cost of occasional ones where the law requires statewide coverage. He cited an instance where a notice was pub-

PUBLIC SALE

As I have given up 425 acres of my farming land, I will sell, at Public Auction, at the Willis McCafferty farm, 6 miles south of Mt. Sterling or 1 mile north of Waterloo, on State Route 277, on

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

Beginning at 11:00 A. M., the following property:

9—HEAD OF HORSES—9
1 black gelding, 6 yrs. old, wt. 1400; 1 black mare, 6 yrs. old, wt. 1400; 1 sorrel gelding, 6 yrs. old, wt. 1600; 1 sorrel mare, 6 yrs. old, wt. 1600; 1 team of bay mares, 5 and 6 years old, wt. 3600; 1 spotted mare, 5 yrs. old, wt. 1100, in foal; 1 spotted mare, 4 yrs. old, wt. 1100; 1 sorrel filly, 2 yrs. old. All of these are extra good workers.

42—HEAD OF CATTLE—42
12 head of white face heifers; 11 head of dairy heifers; 2 stock cows; 1 spotted cow, 8 yrs. old, calf by side; 1 red cow, 7 yrs. old, calf by side; 1 red cow, 8 yrs. old, calf by side; 2 brindle heifers, calves by side; 1 roan cow, 8 yrs. old, giving good flow of milk; 1 Guernsey heifer, 3 yrs. old; 1 red heifer, 3 yrs. old; 4 heavy springers, if not fresh by day of sale; 2 bulls, 1 white face, 1 Shorthorn; 3 Holstein bull calves, 1 year, 9 months and 6 months old.

152—HEAD OF HOGS—152
8 Hampshire gilts, bred; 18 brood sows, good; 125 shoats; 1 Hereford male hog, registered.

104—HEAD OF SHEEP—104
100 open wool ewes, from 2 to 4 years old; 4 bucks.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS

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TERMS—CASH

LESLIE HOTT

Walter Bumgarner, Auct. Albert Schmidt, Clerk
Lunch served by Madison Mills Grange

SHARING RIDE SITUATION IS UNCHANGED HERE

Only Another Upset in Gas Rationing Would Make Real Change

"Sharing the ride" which has been carried on by a large number of auto owners in the community, as well as throughout the nation due to tire and gasoline shortages, has remained virtually unchanged here and in Ohio generally for some time.

Only another disturbance of gasoline rationing will increase or decrease the overall average car occupancy, Highway Director H. G. Sours said Thursday.

The division of traffic and safety of the Department of Highways has made several car occupancy checks this year, Harry E. Neal, chief engineer, told Director Sours. They included urban industrial, rural industrial, urban general and rural general localities. There were 106 spots where the checks were made.

Before gasoline rationing in 1942 the checkers observed 60,732 vehicles carrying 117,337 persons. In February, 1943, the checkers counted 50,460 cars carrying 101,596 occupants. The April check clocked 59,891 cars with 127,891 occupants, and in August the number of cars was 58,837 and the passengers 126,172.

Director Sours said the overall average at the time of the 1942 check was 1.93 persons per car; in February, 1943, 2.01 persons per car; in April 2.13 persons per car and in August 2.15 persons per car.

Since that time there has been no noticeable change in the car sharing habits of the public, Neal pointed out. Further checks are to be made in 1944. The checkers revealed that drivers with "A" stickers were carrying an average of two persons per car; "B" sticker cars carried an average of 2.12 persons, and "C" sticker cars carried an average of 2.39 persons.

Public Notices were established long before newspapers. It is only under complex modern conditions that the press has become the chief medium for them. Any profits to it are incidental rather than primary. Far more important is the safeguard in publication. If the cost were looked upon as a sort of insurance premium rather than just an expense, it would be closer to the facts.

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TUNE IN
THE HIRD HANDS
6:30 A. M.

'Tail-End Charley' Of Dive Bombers Never Hit---Except By Own Guns

(The following story was written by 2nd Lt. William K. Holt, USMC, of Clarkburg, W. Va., and distributed by the Associated Press.)

GUADALCANAL—(Delayed)—First Lt. Richard B. Cropley, of Youngstown, Ohio, is the smallest man in his marine corps dive bombing squadron, but he holds down one of the biggest jobs.

Only five feet seven inches tall and weighing 135 pounds, the 23 year old marine dive bomber pilot is the unit's "tail-end Charley," the last man over the target on every raid. He's the one who draws all the anti-aircraft fire for the last few seconds.

Folks back in Youngstown may remember him as the little life guard at Idora park, or as the scrappy little boxer who appeared on amateur bills around the city. But out here, they know him as "tail-end Charley, himself," the pilot who dumps the last bomb when they plaster the Japs.

Already Lieutenant Cropley has participated in six dive bombing raids on Japanese strongholds on Bougainville, Balale, and Kolombangara Islands. Official records credit him with hits on anti-aircraft emplacements, coastal guns, barges, and bivouac areas throughout the Solomons.

And despite his precarious position as "tail-end Charley," he has never been hit—except by his own guns.

"That happened during the giant plane raid on Ballale airstrip, the Jap fighter base for their big airfield at Kahili," he related. "As usual I was the last man to dive, and I was having a whale of a time strafing the Japs as I came down. I released my bomb all right near a Jap ack-ack gun, but just as I started my pull out, there was a terrific explosion, and a piece of shrapnel tore a gash in my helmet."

"I don't mind admitting I thought I was a goner. I thought the Japs had got me. But I continued the pullout and, strangely enough, the plane responded. "As I climbed upstairs to join my comrades, the smoke cleared and I saw what happened. My own machine gun had exploded and blown out the dashboard. But the old gal still blew and I brought her back to the base."

On another raid, a Japanese Zero made a pass at him, but missed. "I didn't have time to get scared," he grinned. All I saw was a black streak whiz by me and a string of tracers about 50 yards away. Then the Zero was gone and I was, too."

Lieutenant Cropley enlisted for Naval Flight Training Jan. 15, 1942, after attending Virginia Military Institute and St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind. He won his wings and a Marine Corps commission August 6, 1942.

His mother, Mrs. Mary Cropley, lives at Youngstown. Before being transferred to the South Pacific, he served at Midway and the Hawaiian Islands.

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TERMS—CASH

THOMAS MERRITT

M. W. Eckle, Auct.

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Sees the Handwriting

There obviously is in the minds of the leaders of Japan a consciousness of impending calamity. Recent radio statements seem to be designed to warn the public, without impairing morale, of the grave situation which exists. Apparently it is desired to let the nation down without too much of a shock.

For example, over the official radio it was said the other day: "It cannot be said that the Japanese navy has the war situation under complete control." That is considerable of an understatement, but it makes a point and will sink into the public mind.

Further on it was said that, "The enemy gradually has advanced his bases to Bougainville and the Gilbert Islands, and is, step by step, closing in on our strategic bases. . . The war situation presents a grave and serious aspect."

Still further along, after reassurances have been interlarded, the broadcast contained the following: "The material fighting strength of which the enemy boasts, in which he takes pride and relies upon as his strength, is not to be lightly regarded, and is limitless."

It also is admitted that the decision will largely be determined in the air. The Japanese are urged to exert themselves beyond measure to increase the number of planes. If this is what they rely upon, they are leaning on a broken reed. The United States alone is delivering today planes at a rate of more than 100,000 a year, and new and more powerful types, more heavily armed and armored, swifter, more flexible, far beyond any hope of Japanese competition. At the same time this country, not to speak of Canada, Australia, Britain and Russia, is supplying hundreds of thousands of the most capable pilots, navigators, and bombardiers the world has seen, while the Japanese and the Germans are suffering from a dearth of highly competent aviators, as their constant and heavy losses demonstrate.

Both Japan and Germany are realizing more and more keenly the certainty of their defeat. They have nothing to rely upon but the hope that some strange freak of fortune will save them, or that the United Nations will become divided and thereby weaken their fighting power.

Transportation Problem

Our October production level reached the astounding index figure of 665, based upon a standard of 100 for 1941 production. This tremendous increase in America's output is a great triumph for the industrial genius of America. In deed as well as in spirit, we have become the arsenal of democracy.

But production alone is not enough, as we discovered in the first year of our participation in the war. Delivery is the essence of our contract with our allies. Unless the goods get overseas to the point where they are needed, they are useless,

Flashes of Life

Expert Says Children Forget How To Play
SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Children have forgotten how to play, says Police Sergeant Charles Dobb, head of the San Diego Police Department's Juvenile Bureau, who believes that is one of the major reasons for mounting juvenile delinquency.

In a brochure which he published, the sergeant says it's up to the parents to revive childish interests in Duck on the Rock, Run Sheep Run, Tin Can Hockey and so on, and to teach them how to make their own playthings, such as kites.

Grab Bag

One-Minute Test

1. Who was prime minister of England at the time Edward VIII abdicated?
2. Who was premier of France when the Germans overran Czechoslovakia?
3. Who was prime minister of England during the first World War?

Hints on Etiquette

It may be comfortable, but it is hard on furniture—yours or your friends'—to tuck one foot under your or put your feet on the furniture.

Words of Wisdom

The fashion doth wear out more apparel than the man.—Shakespeare.

Today's Horoscope

Today as a birthday gives a magnetic personality that attracts many friends, generosity, fortitude and a warm disposition. You have a strong will. You speak your mind freely and put out much effort in making your home life pleasant. After 6 A. M., the whole household should wake up in a cheery humor. After 8 complete your plans for a new project. The time is good for writing letters and sending out New Year cards.

One-Minute Test Answers

1. Stanley Baldwin.
2. Edward Daladier.
3. David Lloyd-George.

and unless within our own country transportation facilities are operating in perfect condition, the task of getting our huge volume to the seaboards and on to the cargo ships becomes impossible.

Last week in Washington, the Truman Committee issued a special report warning the nation that a breakdown in vital transportation is possible. Production of more locomotives, freight cars, rail and other transport facilities, replacement of trucks and busses, and return to the air lines of many planes taken from them for military use, are necessary to avoid these serious difficulties. This is not a problem which can be indefinitely postponed to an easier moment in the war. Transport is a part of war, and unless our railroads get this necessary assistance in supplemental transportation and new equipment, the arsenal of democracy may prove to be working on only two cylinders.

It Would Be Justice

Out in San Francisco recently a group of CIO machinists refused to complete work on a naval vessel unless their pay was boosted. Upshot was that uniformed U. S. sailors took over the job.

Explaining the use of sailors, the Pacific Coast Joint Committee for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair, headed by Vice Admiral John W. Greenslade, announced: "Some members of the crew which will fight on this vessel already have been assigned to her. They know how badly she is needed and are anxious to get their ship in service. They requested that they be allowed to do the work the machinists refused to do. The request was granted."

It's a crazy idea, we know, but wouldn't it be interesting to hear the squawks if the sailors, once their construction job is completed, took the strikers along with them on their next cruise into enemy waters?

Washington at a Glance

By JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON — Within a few weeks some 37 million Americans will begin receiving two little notices. These notices will be unpleasant reminders, no doubt, of an upcoming headache but my advice is not to part with them, either in disgust or carelessness. They'll be a tidy bit of help in alleviating said headache.

Early in the new year employers will start distributing statements to employees listing their wages and the amount of income tax and Victory tax withheld from those wages in 1943. About the same time the collector of internal revenue will mail to income taxpayers statements specifying their tax on 1942 income and the portion of the tax they paid in 1943.

Federal income taxpayers and they now include the vast majority of wage earners will need those notices for filling out 1943 income reports on or before March 15. This looks like the toughest tax reporting job in U. S. history, what with new complication such as figuring whether you

owe Uncle Sam money or he owes you some after 1943 withholdings and other payments, and computing that unforgotten part of the 1942 or 1943 tax (whichever is larger.)

The collector's statement of your 1942 tax, and your payments on it, will be in the same envelope as the income tax form. Hold on to both of them. After using the 1942 statement in making out your report for 1943, you will be expected to return it with the report to the collector. He needs it in checking your return.

The statement from your employer on withholdings will help you get full credit for taxes already paid.

Another new angle which will complicate the return will be the computation of your Victory tax due for 1943, together with figuring the Victory tax credit. That credit varies with your marital status and the number of dependents you had during 1943.

And that isn't all. Besides there is also due on March 15 another one of those pesky declaration's introduced last September much to the discomfort of affected taxpayers and the internal revenue workers, who handled their "guesses" on income.

The dither over the declaration business is going so strong that there is talk in congressional tax circles of abolishing the March 15 declaration (not the return) to lessen the confusion taxpayers, some congressmen feel, will be fuddled enough by the job of making out the 1943 return without requiring them to tackle an estimate of 1944 income at the same time.

Two more likely alternatives to abolishment of the March 15 declaration are: (1) postponing it to a later date; (2) simplifying it so that tax estimating will be an easier job. One proposal is that tax declarants arbitrarily put down the same estimate as they did for 1943. This could be amended later if necessary.

LAFF-A-DAY



"Take off those nylon stockings!"

Diet and Health

Treating Parasites in the Intestines

By LOGAN CLENDENING, M. D.

I HAVE HAD about fifty letters from widely different spots asking for treatment for pinworm. Its widespread incidence is probably due to the wartime relocation of home life so children are left at home to shift for themselves.

The pinworm is an animal parasite which inhabits the human intestine mostly of children. It is extremely small, about the length and diameter, as the name implies, of an ordinary pin from which the head has been removed.

To combat the infection, the parents should get it out of their heads that all you have to do is "give" the child a medicine and all the trouble will be over. As in the case of most intestinal parasites a cure is a full time job for several weeks and requires several different maneuvers.

Knowledge of Parasite

It also depends on a knowledge of the life history of the parasite. The pinworm adults live in the first part of the large bowel of a child and in the appendix.

Often they crowd the appendix so that the symptoms resemble appendicitis and the appendix has to be removed. When the female is about to lay her eggs she lets go her hold on the bowel mucosa and migrates down the intestine, emerging through the anus and laying the eggs on the skin around the anus. These cause intense itching, which is the sign that usually calls attention to the possibility of pinworm infection.

Then the child scratches, gets its fingernails full of pinworm eggs, puts its fingers in its mouth and swallows them and re-infestation occurs.

Treatment of Pinworm

So treatment consists of: (1) Soothing down the peri-anal skin and killing all the parasites embedded there. (2) Changing the sheets every night for a week, and boiling the used sheets for at least 10 minutes.

A dilute solution (half and half) of tincture of iodine should be swabbed on the skin around the anus, and then the inflamed part covered with calomel ointment or some other soothing salve. Repeat every other morning for a week.

(3) Rid the intestinal tract of the parasites. The best drug for this is gentian violet medicinal in the form of Seal-ins on Ensalets, coated tablets. The dose is one sixth of a grain for every year of age, daily until relief is announced. The treatment should be given to all infected persons in a family or environmental group and even to suspects. Otherwise there will be repeated infestation.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

E. F. S.: Is there any known cure of treatment for gallstones?

Answer: Certainly. The only sure method of complete cure is by operation, but it is one of the safest and most frequently performed in surgery. Many cases, however, can be carried along under medical treatment which includes a morning dose of salts before breakfast and a mild diet with occasional use of a hot water bag over the edge of the right ribs when the attack gets bad.

Looking Back in Fayette County

Five Years Ago

Stone quarries here kept busy all this year and thousands of tons of road material is turned out by several in county.

New equipment is being added by Ladoga Co. preparatory to opening for canning late in January.

Farm outlook for 1939 is topic of discussion by farm officials here.

Ten Years Ago

Mercury drops to seven below zero Wednesday morning.

Fayette County Poultry Improvement Association and the Business and Civic Association will sponsor a poultry show, Friday and Saturday.

Fayette County's wheat crop escapes Wednesday's low temperature.

Fifteen Years Ago

Claude A. Bruner, superintendent of city schools here, is selected as Fayette County chairman to attend District Child Welfare Conference in Xenia, January 31.

Eber man loses right to drive for six months, after being arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Between 500 and 600 boys and girls given treats and clothing by Elks Lodge.

Twenty Years Ago

Snow fell for nearly three hours Christmas day, but melted almost as fast as it fell.

Over 250 boys and girls given treats and clothing by Elks Lodge.

WASTE PAPER DRIVE

BETTER THAN EXPECTED

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—(AP)—What was planned for yesterday as a one-day mop-up of Christmas gift-wrappings and other wastepaper continued today with prospects that 1,200 or more tons of it would be made available to the war effort. This is approximately 100 percent more than the total originally anticipated, said salvage Chief Harold Nichols in describing public response as "overwhelming."

Yankee Senorita

BY LORENA CARLETON

WRITTEN FOR AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

SYNOPSIS
MALLORY BAKER, self-centered, but young, beautiful and talented singer, has achieved success with the aid of TOD PATRICK, her manager. He has been her agent since she was an entertainer striving to reach the top. Mallory fancies herself in love with DAVID DARGEN, blond artist, whose ring she wears.

YESTERDAY: An argument about her trip to Mexico brings David's confession to Mallory that he merely has been interested in her money and what it could do for him. She orders him to leave her apartment and continues her preparations for the journey.

CHAPTER FOUR

"I DON'T LIKE that thing," the colored woman told her mistress. Her eyes were fixed on the pistol in a stare so wide that they seemed to be nine-tenths white.

"Stop looking like that, Prism. You're not at a Holy Roller meeting," Mallory tossed the weapon on top of the folded garments in one of her cases.

The carelessness of the gesture brought a new frenzy from the Negroes. "You got no call 'banishing' that thing around like that."

"Prism, the word you're trying to get hold of is brandishing."

"Well, you just stop it. That's all!"

Mallory grinned. Again she took hold of the revolver, this time with exaggerated caution. She opened it and dropped two bullets into the palm of her hand. "There, Prism. Look. Are you satisfied now?"

Unmollified, Prism said, "It's always an old empty gun that busts people open. You know that?"

"You've been reading too many cheap magazines."

"I never read no magazines, Miss Mallory, except what you got yourself right here in your own apartment."

Mallory Baker gave her colored helper a sharp look, but evidently the jibe had been unintentional, as so many of Prism's jibes were.

Mallory grinned a second time. "All right, Prism, let's stop all this gun talk. Go telephone the airport and make a reservation for me."

The colored woman shuffled out. Mallory slid back the door of a long clothes closet and began selecting a travel outfit. A soft wool suit of cream and brown checks. That would do with her pink coat. Her new, sassy little beret of cream felt and the brown veil that tied over her face in merry Oldsmobile style. She mustn't forget her topaz ear ornaments and that startling new lipstick, the amber-red one.

Prism began to yell. Heavens above, Mallory thought to herself, anyone would think Prism were the singer. She possessed such lung power.

"Miss Mallory, they can't give you anything but on the six-fifteen tomorrow mornin'. I told them you'd never get up to go on that one."

"Stop running my life, Prism, and make the reservation. I'll be there."

Then the Negroess again came into the bedroom, the girl asked, "Why do you have to yell so much, Prism? I'm the singer. I'm the one who is supposed to do the yelling around here."

Prism chose to ignore that. She just gave a whoop for no particular reason. "These people flyin' around in the air like big eagles. They can do it if they want to. Personally, I'm goin' to Texas the slow way." She

put designated articles into a dressing case and closed it. "No, you go on and be an eagle. I'll just be a caterpillar. Anyways," she said smugly, "they says they is likely to set you down most anywhere."

Mallory snorted. She would have liked to pull her stockings with a snap that showed her scorn, but she feared their rayon threads would not stand such a demonstration.

Lorliffy she added, "I think that is most unlikely."

She was glad Prism could not see her in Washington. Set down and LEFT DOWN until there was a vacant seat on a plane going in the same general direction. Set down, before I'm even out of New York, she exaggerated to herself. Her seat had been given to a worried looking man with two briefcases who wore a crumpled suit and a hat that looked mistreated.

Mallory had no way of knowing his trip would speed war production. To her he simply was a man who could stand a haircut and a massage.

Now, if it had been some young chap in uniform, someone rushing on a strategic mission, better still to a furlough with his sweetheart SWEETHEART. The word made her think of David, made her remember her "broken heart." She glanced into her mirror and shuddered. There had been no time in the early New York dawn to fix her face.

Mallory headed for the ladies' lounge and no time in pulling off the tiny beret and face-enveloping veil. In the lid of her dressing case were various bottles and jars.

She dipped cotton into a liquid cleanser and rubbed it across her face. She grinned at her freckles, in a congratulatory way.

"And when Mallory Baker removes her makeup, a baker's dozen freckles, golden as her voice, make a little sunny pathway across her nose."

That had been in Maggie Duff's feature column the first week she had appeared at the Metropolitan.

"Freckles!" Tod Patrick had snorted. "Mallory Baker has freckles. Lord, they say it as if they'd discovered gold—the dopes. Why, I've known you were a freckle-faced fish face for years."

Mallory had been as disgusted at him for berating her freckles as she had been with Maggie Duff for lauding them. Hollywood also had played up Mallory Baker's freckles as if those dusty-toned spots were proof that she, of the voice as gloriously smooth as Benedictine and brandy wasn't really an import from the land of angels, but a human who ate meat and potatoes and pumpkin pie.

Yes, Mallory's freckles had meant a great deal to press and public, but right now she was busy covering them with a powder base. It took an extra dab on each golden spot. Her powder was a deep creamy shade. She put on a great deal of the amber-red lipstick, no rouge. Her naturally colorless lashes were kept tinted always.

She curled them with a little metal appliance, then dropped one eyelid. The lashes pleased her, a heavy fringe slanting toward her deep ivory cheek. She'd keep her eyelids down, she planned, and depict a tired, very sad soul.

With expert fingers she quickly tied her brown mesh veil about her newly done, lovely face. As quickly she took it off. She had forgotten her topaz ornaments for her ears. The ones Tod Patrick had given her for Christmas the previous year. She took them from her purse and began to put them into her ears. Just as she had done on Christmas Eve when Tod gave them to her.

"They're gorgeous, Tod—" "They're real, Mallory!" When she hadn't answered he had said again, "They're real, Mallory."

"I heard you," she had replied calmly, working with the other earring.

"Then say something—do something. You behave as if you were putting a pair of doo-dads from the five and ten into your beautiful ears. For lord's sake, act excited!"

Mallory was dressed for a Christmas Eve appearance at one of the settlement houses, in a black velvet dress trimmed with white ermine. She had lifted the heavy skirt and solemnly jumped so that the brilliant studded heels of her black velvet sandals had come together at least a foot from the floor.

Tod Patrick's eyes had popped open. "What and is that supposed to be?"

"You said, act excited. I just clicked my heels together with joy like a Boverly dancer doing a waltz clog." As she finished speaking, she had kissed Tod Patrick on the cheek. "I love the topazes, Tod, even if you are a spoiled brat to brag so about them. I'll think of you every time I wear them."

And Mallory was thinking about Tod. "I shouldn't do, I shouldn't do. I'm a fool to take this aimless trip to submit myself to inconveniences. Maybe I should go home."

"And have Tod Patrick laugh in my face? No! I'll go on if it takes me a year."

After a few hours Mallory wondered if it might not take a year. It took her 24 hours to get out of Washington. Then she was lucky, the airport officials assured her. Lucky? Ha! She thought with sarcasm.

In Nashville she was grounded a second time. Fury seeped through her, making the world seem wrong. The weather was abominable, worse than the hard cold snow she had left behind her in New York. She even thought she might be coming down with a cold. But instead of thinking, "If I do, I can't sing," she thought, "If I do, I shan't be able to wear this divine veil."

But when she finally was on a ship again, headed toward Dallas, she felt fine. She didn't have a cold after all. And there was SUCH an attractive young man sitting across the aisle. Not so attractive as David, she hastily assured herself, but very, very attractive.

(To Be Continued)

What Rice Bowl Battle in China Means

By HERMAN R. ALLEN

WASHINGTON — In central China, to the west and south of Lake Tungting, sprawls the "Rice Bowl," a system of fertile valleys and plains half as big as Texas.

Its principal cities are Changsha, to the south of the lake, and Changteh, 120 miles west of Changsha. The Japanese have big bases at Yo Chow, northeast of the lake and at Ichang, some distance up the Yangtze river.

Four times the Japs have pushed into the Rice Bowl and four times they have been pushed back. Just what their object is has been a puzzle.

In October, 1939, the Japs drove down on Changsha from Yo Chow but were driven back without reaching the city.

In September, 1941, they succeeded in taking Changsha but were forced out after three days.

Disastrous Campaign
In January, 1942, in one of their most disastrous Chinese campaigns, 120,000 Japs succeeded in reaching Changsha, with 80,000 Chinese melting before them. The "melted" Chinese, however, spread out in the hills on the Jap flanks and suddenly became quite solid again. They cut the Japs supply lines and when the Japs were thus forced to retreat they swarmed down and attacked them from both sides. The Chinese claim to have killed or wounded 45,000 Japs.

This year the Japs finally got smart. They had been defeated three times at Changsha by troops sent from the Changteh area. So they decided to get Changteh first. Then move east and get Changsha. They sent their troops west from Yo Chow along the north shore of Lake Tungting and then south.

The campaign started last May, was stalled during the summer. The Chinese claimed to have killed 10,000 Japs between Nov. 20 and 29, and the Japs claim to have killed 18,497 Chinese between Nov. 2 and Dec. 5. The battle was notable for the important part played by American flyers and for the fact that the Chinese accused the Japs of using poison gas.

See-Saw Affair
The Nipponese broke into the

outskirts of Changteh Nov. 29 but were driven out Dec. 1. Since then the fighting has been a see-saw affair, with the Japs re-entering the city and the Chinese then driving them out.

You can get three opinions in Washington from persons who are acquainted with China as to what the Jap strategy is:

1. That the Japs are interested only in carrying off as much rice as they can and destroying the rest, do not wish to hold the area because to do so would extend their lines too far.

2. That these campaigns represent serious effort to capture and hold communication lines between Hunnan province (the rice bowl lies in Hunnan and Hopeh provinces) and Czechwan province, where Chungking, the provisional capital, is located.

3. A compromise opinion which admits that the Japs want to destroy the rice crops but that they would also like to hold the territory if they could do it with the forces sent on the expedition.

In other words, this opinion contends, if the Japs really wanted to move in on the area, and hold it, they could do so by sending a lot more men. Apparently they don't think it's worth a major expedition but would be very happy if they got a good break and could hold it with the relatively minor forces which they have been employing.

Actually, the first opinion seems to have the most support

here. One military man, discussing the present campaign, told me "It looks as though this will follow the same pattern as previous years. That is, the Japs will get in, get what rice they can and get out."

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CLARKSDALE, Miss. —(P)—Dr. D. M. Davenport of nearby Lyon is determined to have good cotton crops "weather or no." He has invented a planter which deposits seeds in the soil at two depths simultaneously, so one will grow whether there be drought or excessive rainfall.

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+—Social Happenings—Personals—News of Interest to Women—+

Employees of Hardin Farm Yuletide Party

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Tressler entertained the employees and families of the Hardin Farm, of which Mr. Tressler is manager, at a most enjoyable Christmas gathering during the weekend.

Christmas decorations were profusely in evidence throughout the home, with a huge Christmas tree placed in the bay window being the center of attraction.

During the course of the evening Santa Claus paid the guests a visit and distributed gifts to the children and each family. The remainder of the evening was spent playing checkers and bingo.

Later in the evening seasonal refreshments were served by the hosts.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pettit and children, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Mossbarger and children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burgess and son, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Alspaugh and children and Mrs. Ruby Matthews.

Dorothy E. Graham, Edward Bussert Are To Marry in January

Mrs. Leora Graham, of this city, is announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Dorothy E. Graham, of Cleveland, to Edward J. Bussert, of Derby, Ohio. The marriage will be solemnized at the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Looker, of near Bloomingburg, January sixteenth at two o'clock.

The bride-to-be has many relatives and friends in Fayette County, having graduated from Bloomingburg High School, later attending the Buckeye Business College in Columbus. She has been employed in Cleveland for the past two years.

The prospective bridegroom is an employee of the J. A. Burns Contracting Company, in Columbus, where they plan to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coil Hosts at Turkey Dinner Party During Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coil entertained during the holiday weekend with a delicious and bounteous turkey dinner and guests invited for the enjoyable occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Smith and family of South Solon; Mr. and Mrs. George Conner and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Clemans of Mt. Sterling; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sexton of Danville and Miss Elaine Temple of Bloomingburg.



By ANNE ADAMS

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Social Calendar

ROSEMARY DENNISON
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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29
With Class of McNair Church meets with Mrs. Ted Long, 7:30 P. M. Gift exchange.

Milledgeville WSCS, home of Mrs. Louise Rankin, 2 P. M.

THURSDAY, Dec. 30
Friendship circle of Bloomingburg Methodist Church Christmas Spread, 7 P. M. with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Noble. Members bring item for auction.

Harmony Church WSCS, home of Mrs. Sylvia Campbell, 2 P. M., gift exchange.

Mrs. Charles Armstrong will be hostess to Thursday Kensington Club, 2:30 P. M.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. David Whiteside and sisters entertained for Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. John Wells of Detroit, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Toops of Upper Sandusky, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Whiteside and children David, Jane and Billy, Miss Bernice Whiteside of Columbus and Miss Jean Whiteside of Mt. Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anschutz, Mr. and Mrs. John Shackelford all of Dayton, Ky., were Christmas guests of Miss Carrie Anschutz.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Klever and son entertained with a turkey dinner Christmas day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klever and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coe, Mrs. Floy Klever, and Miss Georgiell Klever of Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. William Carter had as Christmas day guests, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Speakman and son Willard and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson and family of Columbus were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Preston, Miss Joan Wilson remaining for a longer visit.

Mrs. Vivian Baughn and Miss Edna Boyer of Harrisburg, Pa., have arrived to visit during the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyer of South Solon and other friends and relatives here.

Miss Margaret Miller of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, is the Tuesday and Wednesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Simons and Miss Helen Simons.

Mr. R. B. Fulton has returned to Pittsburgh, Pa., after spending the holidays with Mrs. Fulton and daughters, Anita and Bernadine here. Mr. Fulton is employed as Utility Field Engineer for the Allis-Chalmers Company in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Lewis Ulen is spending the holiday week with her husband, Sgt. Lewis Ulen in Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Miss Louetta Cook of Jeffersonville is spending this week as the houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sturgeon and family in Toledo.

Miss Wilma Jayne Garringer of Billings, Montana, is spending a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Garringer.

Mrs. Ella Clark of Fort Wayne, Ind., arrived Monday for a week's visit with Mrs. Fred Creamer and Mrs. Laura Julian.

Mrs. Frank Littler was called to the Chillicothe City Hospital.

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Maple Grove WSCS December Meeting at Church

The Maple Grove WSCS met for the December meeting at the church with twenty-one members and several guests present.

The devotions were led by Mrs. Homer Kelly, who opened the meeting with asking all to join in singing "Joy to the World," followed by a reading and prayer by her. Responsive readings by those present were next.

A brief business session was conducted by Mrs. Jesse White and minutes and roll call were given by the secretary.

A delightful Christmas program had been arranged, the highlight of which was a play-lette given by nine society members entitled, "Bundles for Christmas."

Following the program a gift exchange was conducted and seasonal refreshments were then served.

The next meeting will be at the home of Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Moon, in Good Hope.

Members of the Senior C. E. Have Caroling Party

The annual caroling party was again sponsored this year by members of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of the North Street Church of Christ and several enjoyed the affair on Christmas Eve.

Each year the Endeavor members, with members of the church choir and others interested, carol shut-ins and invalids on Christmas Eve. This year a large number of these persons were caroled.

Following the rounds of the singers, they were invited to



It's beautiful Alice Faye, singing those love songs as only she can sing them; Carmen Miranda ("Rhumba One" on your hit parade), as delightfully delicious as ever; and Phil Baker, radio's funny fellow with the \$64 question, who are starred with Benny Goodman and his Orchestra in "The Gang's All Here," the gay new technicolor hit to open Wednesday at the Fayette Theatre.

Chillicothe, Sunday, by the serious illness of a cousin, Robert Jones, of Waverly.

Miss Carolyn Garringer, who visited during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Garringer, has returned to her duties at Springfield City Hospital, Springfield.

Mrs. Fred Mark and daughter, Virginia, have returned after spending the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hyer and son, Johnnie, in Columbus.

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Mrs. Bricker Takes Campaign in Stride

By ADELAIDE KERR

Not long ago somebody asked Mrs. John Bricker: "How does it seem to be the wife of a presidential candidate?"

"I've been a candidate's wife more than I haven't been," said the wife of the governor of Ohio with the hint of a laugh in her dark brown eyes. "My husband was a member of the state public utilities commission and then attorney general. And he has campaigned for the party all our married life."

Mrs. Bricker has a lot of qualities which make for success as a candidate's wife. She is quiet, friendly, tactful, smiling and never wants to talk about herself. "I pity people who try to write about me," she says. "I'm just an average person."

Mrs. Bricker is a tall slender woman with brown eyes and brown hair scarcely touched with gray. And she likes to dress in brown with topaz jewelry.

If John Bricker should ever be president, the White House would have a mistress who is interested in a lot of things. "I paint a little in oils," she told me when she was in New York recently. "Mostly I do very simple landscapes. This summer I tried my hand at something new. I took an old desk from the servants' wing and antiqued it with ivory paint and sienna. I think I was looking for an excuse to stay in the basement in hot weather."

The wife of Ohio's presidential candidate also plays the piano. She spends as much time as she can with Beethoven and plays popular tunes by ear. Add to that list of activities the planting and supervision of two victory gardens, one behind the

executive mansion in Columbus and the other in the country.

Being a governor's wife keeps Mrs. Bricker very busy. Because she has no secretary, she spends all morning at her desk, answering her correspondence by hand. Before the war she was hostess at two or three afternoon receptions a week. But after Pearl Harbor she closed the mansion to big affairs and gave the reception time to war work. Until recently she was chairman of the Voluntary Nurses Aid Committee of the Red Cross of Franklin County, Ohio.

Mrs. Bricker was born Harriett Day in Columbus, Ohio. She grew up in Urbana, where her father ran a wholesale candy and coffee business and then attended

the University of Ohio. She would have liked to major in but her father vetoed that, so she majored in education and became a teacher. After a year of chemistry and became a doctor, teaching she was married to John Bricker, whom she met in college. They have one adopted son, Jack, who is now 13.

Both the Brickers are determined to keep life in the executive mansion simple. Young Jack keeps the miniature plane he is working on spread out as he likes in his room. The governor brings unexpected guests home for dinner just like any other husband. And the governor's wife whisks down the alley on a bicycle to visit her victory garden. There is one more thing

about her that will be of special interest to Republicans. She reminds many of Grace Coolidge.

JAMES MANN FUNERAL SERVICES ARE HELD

Funeral services for James Mann were held at the Cox and Parrett Funeral Home, Monday at 2 P. M. and were conducted by Rev. C. H. Ditty, pastor of the Pilgrim Church.

Mrs. Iva Rayburn and Mrs. Alta Estel sang the two hymns "Face to Face" and "Does Jesus Care". Mrs. Estel played the accompaniment.

Burial was made in the Washington C. H. cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Charles Mann, Ray Mann, Clark Mann, Wilbur Mann, John Nichols and Ethie Aldridge.

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Amateur Sports Are Hit Hardest By War

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A \$200,000,000 increase in betting on race results is a falling off of attendance at sports event featuring amateurs while the pro crowds virtually held their own and a dearth of good boxers were the top characteristics of the 1943 sports year.

TERRANOVA NOW WEARS CROWN OF FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Bunch-muscled Phil Terranova still is the National Boxing Association's featherweight champion after punching to a technical knockout here last night over Jackie Callura in the sixth round before some 5,000 persons.

The payoff blow was a sharp right to the jaw which dropped Callura after catching him flat-footed and dazed. The Ontario, Canada fighter from whom Terranova lifted the crown here last summer went down three times in the sixth, each time from a right to the head. Two seconds after his final tumble officials stopped the bout.

Before the fight Callura said it was to be his last unless he licked the New York youngster, who twice previously put him to sleep.

—Spying— On Sports

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—That constant moaning you hear in the background these winter days isn't an echo of the big wind in Ireland; it's merely baseball magnates talking about the manpower prospects for next season. . . . Recently the Reds' Warren Giles pointed out that "the chief worry of major league baseball is player strength." . . . and Brooklyn's Branch Rickey tearfully praised the Giants for their "gameness" in making a few deals. . . . He and most of the other league bosses, Branch said, were "forced" to stand pat because there was no guarantee that the players they might get would be available next summer. . . . Rickey went on to point out that clubs with plenty of reserves could stand losses better, so it seems from here that there ought to be a heck of a lot of bartering right now with the teams that are short on manpower trying to build up their "stock piles" . . . Instead, it's the dullest trading season in years.

One-Minute Sports Page
Maj. Frederick McLaughlin, owner of the Chicago Blackhawks, hasn't seen his hockey team play this season, due to a heart ailment and high blood pressure. But that hasn't stopped him from giving away 500 choice seats to service men for every Blackhawks home game. . . . That means the major tosses away \$750 every time the Hawks have a sell-out—which is often. . . . The Liberty ship, Charles Paddock, launched Sunday, will carry a pair of Charlie's track shoes—which is more than most present-day sprinters could do.

Today's Guest Star
Kenneth Jones, Peoria (Ill.) Journal-Transcript: "We haven't seen everything yet. We'll have to wait and see Buck Newsom trying to be dignified with Connie Mack."

Round Trip
Sportscaster Steve Ellis worked his way through Miami University by managing a couple of boxers. . . . To plug his pugs, Steve used to go on the air waves with them and he made such a hit he was hired as a radio announcer. . . . Ellis promptly sold his stable of four fighters for \$2,000, forgot his law education and went to work talking. . . . But the other day, Steve went right back where he started when he was hired to understand Don Murphy as a fight announcer—the difference being a lot more dough than he ever earned as a manager—and better fighters.

ROOM AND BOARD

By Gene Ahern



That, at least, is the opinion of the 86 editors who expressed their views in the Associated Press' poll regarding the effects of the second year of war upon sports.

Almost every ballot mentioned the betting increase as the greatest of the war-bred changes. The estimated 1943 mutual play in 15 states, \$710,779,432 compared with \$563,579,895 in 1942. The sport was active in 19 states during 1942.

Latest figures show 4,019 professional boxers in the armed services. Despite their absence the ring had a successful year, with each of the 22 brawls held in Madison Square Garden to date having an average attendance of 14,637 and a gate of \$51,646 compared

with 13,228 and \$40,333 in 1942. A drop of 13 per cent in big league baseball attendance is overshadowed by the 18.4 per cent decline in college football crowds and the virtual secrecy in which the national tennis championships were determined at Forest Hills, N. Y., in September.

One voter pointed out that anything which happened in 1943 should not be counted upon too seriously "especially at full speed."

The Scharnhorst dropped behind, one engine hit, her deck enveloped in thick smoke, her main turret smashed.

Then about 7:40 P. M. a tremendous explosion shook her and she settled slowly into the icy waters.

The other German ships escaped. Later German planes searched for survivors, but it is believed few if any of the more than 1,400 officers and men of the Scharnhorst were saved.

Admiral Otto Schniewind, commander in chief of all German naval forces in northern waters, is believed to have perished with the Scharnhorst, the Daily Express said.

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DON GRATE CAPTAIN OF BUCKS

Don Grate, the lanky and raw boned boy from Greenfield who gave the Blue Lions of WHS so many worries on the football gridiron and basketball court, while he was a student at McClain High School, today is the new captain of Ohio State's basketball team.

His election was announced as the Buck cagers were en route to Norfolk, Va., to meet the Norfolk Training Station outfit. The six-foot, two-inch forward, a sophomore, succeeds Lou Trabitz, who is now in the armed services.

Don was the driving power of the Tiger football team from his position in the backfield. A rugged youth, who never appeared to lose his head, was a bruising type of ball carrier although he had the speed for skirting the ends and slashing off tackle. It was Don Grate who gave the Lions the most uneasy moments during the battles between the two teams in high school days.

But, it was at basketball that Grate stood out. Not the flashy type, the records show he was among the school's most consistent scorers and the Lions who have played against him are the first to concede that he fit neatly into team play, either on offense or defense.

There was no doubt among the boys who had played against him that he would make a name for himself in big time sports.

'Ball of Fire' Is Ready for Orange Bowl

By BERT COLLIER

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Red-haired Steve Van Buren, standout star of Louisiana State University's football team, joined his coach Bernie Moore today in putting himself neatly on the spot for the Orange Bowl game with Texas A. and M.

The backfield ace, who was hurt in mid-season and saw the last two games from the bench, gave his injured ankle a workout under the warm sun and pronounced it fit.

"This is my kind of weather," said Steve, whose home is in New Orleans. "My leg is about well and I'm ready to go."

Van Buren merely echoed Moore. The LSU mentor went further and declared his 200-pound star was nearing his best condition. "After a few workouts in the Florida sun he will again be our scoring ball of fire," Moore predicted.

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Hill praised highly the "beautiful job of uniform planning and coordinated command" which smothered Japanese air bases to such an extent, he said, that in the four days the Navy was off shore at Tarawa and Makin "we saw a maximum of seven Japanese planes."

No losses were inflicted on their force, Hill said.

(Editor's Note: This story was written prior to the U. S. Marine invasion of Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 26. The actual invasion was executed as smoothly as the dress rehearsal described.)

By MURLIN SPENCER
WITH THE U. S. MARINES
EN ROUTE TO NEW BRITAIN,
Dec. 25.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Every Marine knows exactly what he is expected to do tomorrow—because he's already done it in a realistic dress rehearsal.

A stretch of New Guinea shore was selected which offered the same type of terrain as that to be invaded on New Britain. Every officer had detailed instructions of his part in the attack. They carried maps based on aerial reconnaissance of their objective.

To avoid any mistakes in actual landing, space identical to that of landing vessels was marked off with white tape in Kunai grass. Tanks, alligators and jeeps were jammed in tight.

With these measures completed, the Marines staged the giant dress rehearsal. It went off like clockwork. Troops in jungle green uniforms, with full packs and weapons, were taken off the beach and placed aboard landing craft.

They were veterans of Guadalcanal, such as Capt. Preston Parish, Brewster, N. Y., and Private Donald Rogers, St. Marys, Ohio. The primary purpose was perfect timing.

The boats had a long run to the beach, but ours hit within a minute of scheduled time.

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GRAIN MARKET NEWS SUMMARY

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—AP—After drifting fractionally lower in a quiet but nervous trade, all grain prices rallied today. Wheat and oats came within minor fractions of previous closing levels, and rye, which led the turnabout, showed a slight gain in the farthest delivery.

Rye started rallying when covering interest in local shorts revealed that offerings had dried up. This started a covering movement in wheat also, although it had been preceded by fair commission house buying. Local traders who followed the earlier downturn were buyers of oats.

Wheat ended the day 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher than the previous close, May \$1.66 1/2, July \$1.64 1/2, corn was 1/4 to 1/2 off, May 78 1/2, and rye finished 1/4 off to 1/2 higher, May \$1.26 1/2-\$1.26 1/2, barley closed 1/4 to 1/2 lower, May \$1.21 1/2.

GRAIN CLOSE
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TOLEDO GRAIN
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City's New Official Family Is Now Complete

CITY AUDITOR, POLICE JUDGE ARE SELECTED

Simple Inauguration To Be Friday In Keeping With Dignity of Positions

The make-up of the city's new official family which will move into the City Hall next Friday with the new administration today was just about complete.

W. L. Stambaugh, an engineer and retail merchant, already had been chosen for the key post of city manager by the incoming councilmen — Roy Baughn, Richard R. Willis, Howard Porter, Robert Sites and Frank Snyder — and Charles S. Hire had been selected for city solicitor. They are to take the places now held by Edwin Ducey and Norman McLean.

Monday night, at an informal caucus, the new councilmen named Miss Vera Veal for city auditor to take the place of Glenn B. Rodgers and agreed that Sites would be returned to the place he once occupied as president of council and police court judge.

A spokesman for the councilmen said the discussions of the changes in appointee members of the administration had been marked by harmony and full cooperation. The same unanimity also was said to have existed during preliminary discussions of policies.

The announcement of the selection of Miss Veal for auditor did not come as much of a surprise to those who have been in touch with the unfolding plans of the incoming councilmen. From the first, there had been agreement that a woman could and should be placed in the position. And, it was generally known that they had been hoping that Miss Veal could be persuaded to accept the appointment.

The councilmen's spokesman pointed out that Miss Veal, a lifelong resident of Washington C. H., has a background of experience through responsible positions in banks here to qualify for the work of city auditor.

There will be no changes in either the police or fire departments. Members of these are under Civil Service and not subject to removal without cause.

Whether a new street commissioner will be appointed was conjectural. The spokesman for the councilmen said that it was felt that inasmuch as the street commissioner and city manager had to work with such complete cooperation, this would be left entirely in the hands of the city manager. One councilman-elect said he saw no reason to make a change if the present commissioner, Dave Hillery, could work with the new city manager.

In this connection, it was pointed out that the incoming council has been guided in its selections of appointees by their capability and it was emphasized that every effort has been made to avoid partisan politics.

Plans have been made for a simple but solemn inauguration ceremony at the City Hall New Year's Day when the new councilmen and appointed officers take office. Judge Harry M. Rankin is to administer the oath of office and Rev. John K. Abernethy, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, is to offer a prayer. The plans call for no elaborate speech-making but it was felt that the responsibility of running the city was such a serious obligation that the induction into office warranted the dignity of a ceremony. Although the council chamber is small, it was said that the public would be welcome.

The outgoing councilmen are James Ducey, A. W. Duff and S. A. Murry, who has served as police court judge.

County Courts

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
Charles Scott, administrator to Hays Watson, 4.7 acres, Jefferson township, \$2800.

Home Owners Loan Corp. to Earl Bolar, lot 284, Wash. Imp. Co. addition.

George A. Hyer to Mary A. Weaver 1-2 of lot 3, Cherry addition.

FEW MARRIAGES IN DECEMBER

Lowest Number Issued Here For Same Month

Not in the past half century, so far as known, has the number of marriage licenses issued here in December up to the recent date been as few as during this month.

Up until Monday noon, only four marriage licenses had been issued, compared with a half score for the same time last year, and a normal of 15 to 25 during the month.

Examination of the records in the office of Probate Judge Otis B. Core show that the last license issued this month prior to Christmas was on the 18th.

Absence of so many young men in the war is given as the chief reason for the scarcity of marriages this December.

MISS LUCY BROWNELL DIES IN WILMINGTON

Funeral Will Be Held Friday At 1:30 P. M.

Miss Lucy Brownell, 82, died Tuesday at 7 A. M. at her home in Wilmington. Born in Fayette County of one of the pioneer families, Miss Brownell had lived in Wilmington only a few years.

She was a lifelong member of the Grace Methodist Church here.

Friends may call at the home of Mrs. Henry Brownell, 912 Dayton Avenue, after Wednesday morning. Funeral services will be held at Mrs. Brownell's home, Friday at 1:30 P. M. Rev. George B. Parkin, pastor of the Grace Methodist Church, will be in charge of the services.

Burial will be made in the Washington C. H. cemetery, under the direction of Kievers Funeral Home.

MRS. W. G. NOBLE DIES AT REST HOME HERE

Funeral Will Be Held Here Thursday

Mrs. William G. Noble, 82, died suddenly, Monday at 5 P. M. in the Smith Rest Home here. Mrs. Noble was born in Fayette County and had lived all of her life in and near Washington C. H.

She survived by two sons, Dr. Earl Noble of Greenfield, Elmer Noble of Washington C. H., one daughter, Mrs. Howard Reid of Jeffersonville and her husband.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1 P. M. in the Kievers Funeral Home. Friends may call there at any time. Rev. John K. Abernethy, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will be in charge of the services. Burial will be made in Washington C. H. cemetery.

REV. FRANK SOLLARS TO BE SPEAKER AT CHURCH MEET

Rev. Frank Sollars is to be the main speaker at the monthly missionary meeting in the Gregg Street Church of Christ in Christian Union. The meeting will be Thursday at 7:30 P. M. in the church.

ARE ASSEMBLING EVIDENCE FOR MURDER TRIAL

Man Accused of Shocking Triple Murder Is Alone In County Jail

As the days go by and the trial of James W. Collett on Feb. 14, for the first degree murder of Elmer McCoy, Mrs. Forrest McCoy and their daughter, Mildred Louise, draws slowly nearer, attorneys on both sides are preparing to go to trial by assembling the evidence at hand.

Prosecutor John B. Hill, assistant Charles S. Hire and Sheriff W. H. Icenhauer are continuing their investigation in search of additional evidence in the "murder for profit" slaying of the McCoy family Thanksgiving eve at their farm home on the Dill Road five miles north of Washington C. H.

So far as announced the two pistols used in the murders have never been located, and it is understood officials are of the opinion they have abundant evidence for conviction without the death weapons being introduced in evidence.

Dewey Claytor, McCoy's farm hand, who discovered the shocking triple murder Thanksgiving morning when he went to do the morning work about the premises, moved Monday from the McCoy farm to a farm near Old Town on the Xenia-Springfield road, a few miles northeast of Xenia.

Claytor will be one of the State's witnesses when the case comes up for hearing in February.

However, before the time for the trial arrives some important moves on the part of defense attorneys are anticipated.

Collett remains in the Fayette County jail, where for a week or more he has been the only prisoner. He spends part of his time listening to a radio which his wife brought him a few days before Christmas and in reading.

He continues to eat heartily, and on Christmas day had a special meal which Mrs. Collett had ordered from a local restaurant. Ordinarily he eats 25 cent meals furnished by a local restaurant.

However, Collett spent Christmas Day and Sunday without any visitors, no member of his family visiting him on those days. His wife and son, Thomas, had visited him a day or two before Christmas and brought him candy, a thing of which he seems particularly fond.

Plans are still being made to exhume one or more of the bodies of the killer's victims, probably within the next few days, this being deemed necessary by reason of no coroner's inquest having been held and no post mortem held on the bodies.

Burial of the three victims was



FAYETTE COUNTY BOYS IN SERVICE

Pvt. Donald Carman of Los Angeles, California, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cary Carman.

It has been learned here that William M. Graham has been promoted to the rating of technical corporal. He is stationed at Camp Haan, California, with an anti-aircraft artillery unit.

Those stationed at Camp Reynolds, Greenville, Pa., who spent the holiday weekend with their parents here were Pvt. Joseph Penwell, Pvt. Robert McCoy and Pvt. William Lorie in Milledgeville.

Mrs. Fred Mark has received word from her son, Cpl. Thomas H. Mark, who is on maneuvers with the infantry in Nashville, Tenn., telling her of his promotion in rating to sergeant.

Mark, prior to induction at Fort Hayes, Columbus, February 15 of this year, was a sophomore in the college of business administration at Miami University, Oxford.

Mrs. Edward McNeil has received word that her son, S-2 Samuel M. Lower, has been transferred from Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., to New Orleans. Another son, Pvt. William M. Lower, has returned to Camp Reynolds, Pa., after spending the Christmas holidays with his mother in Jeffersonville. Cpl. Robert E. Lower, stationed somewhere in Italy, wrote his mother that he had received most of his Christmas packages.

made in the Bloomingburg cemetery four weeks ago last Saturday.

Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of Russia.

TRUCK TRAFFIC BEING DETOURED

Bridge Out at Chillicothe Cause of Rerouting

Heavy truck traffic over U. S. 35 between Washington C. H. and Chillicothe has increased considerably since the famous Bridge Street bridge on U. S. 23 at the northeast edge of Chillicothe was wrecked by a heavy truck recently, and half of the span collapsed into the Scioto River.

It seems that there are too many light bridges, including the covered bridge over Deer Creek, on Route 104 between Chillicothe and Columbus, and also light structures and lightly constructed roads on the other available routes between Chillicothe and Circleville, with none available east of the Scioto River.

As a result, heavy trucks operating on U. S. 23 between Columbus and Chillicothe are being detoured over U. S. 35, U. S. 22 and U. S. 62.

A temporary structure will soon be built to carry traffic until a new bridge can be constructed sometime next year, and until a suitable bridge is available for the U. S. 23 traffic, much of the heavy truck traffic may be routed through this city.

TO EXPEDITE DOG TAG SALE IN THE COUNTY

Deputy Will Make Visit To Many Surrounding Points

County Auditor Ulric T. Acton has taken steps to expedite the sale of dog tags in the county and assist dog owners as much as possible by sending a deputy to many points in the county where tags will be on sale at the time designated.

With January 20 as the final day to obtain tags without a penalty being imposed and more than 2,000 dogs in the county that have not been licensed, the visit of the deputy to the various centers in the county will greatly assist dog owners in conserving gasoline and tires as well as saving time that would be required to drive into the city to obtain the licenses.

The rates for dog tags are the same as they were last year. A more stringent law regulates penalties when tags are not obtained by January 20.

Following is a list of places and dates for obtaining tags at various places:

Tuesday, January 4, Cleon Coe Grocery, Bookwalter, 10 A. M. to 12 noon; Jeff Auto Co., Jeffersonville, 1:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.

Wednesday, January 5, Ed Rankin Grocery, Milledgeville, 10 A. M. to 12 noon; Mark's Grocery, South Plymouth, 1:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.

Thursday, January 6, Good Hope Bank, Good Hope, 10 A. M. to 12 noon; Knedler's Grocery, New Martinsburg, 12 noon to 4 P. M.

Friday, January 7, Coe's Store, Yatesville, 10 A. M. to 12 noon; Foster's Grocery, Bloomingburg, 1:30 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Tuesday, January 11, Evan's Grocery, Pleasant View, 1:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.

Wednesday, January 12, Heft's Grocery, Madison Mills, 10 A. M. to 12 noon; Scott Store, Waterloo, 1:30 P. M. to 4 P. M.

BOYS ARE RETURNED TO STATE SCHOOL

Four boys who had escaped from the Boys' Industrial School near Lancaster, Sunday, and were arrested in this city with a stolen car in their possession, and while one of them was attempting to rob a filling station, were returned to the institution Monday forenoon, in custody of officers from the school.

The quartet was part of a group of eight that escaped Sunday.

WAR BOND EXECUTIVE STAFF TO HOLD MEET

Few Changes in Personnel Anticipated

A meeting of the executive committee of Fayette County's War Finance Committee will probably be called sometime next week, F. E. Hill, chairman of the committee, said today.

"We don't anticipate many changes in the set-up of the committee," he commented, but pointed out a few replacements will be made. He cited Selby Gerstner, former co-chairman

in charge of the fourth ward, who is now in the Navy. Laying ground work for the Fourth War Bond Drive slated to begin January 18, the 12-man executive committee will plan the workers' meeting to be held before the drive starts.

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